CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

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(1) There is an understanding in the Conference that, at the outset of its 1993 session, the Conference decides to adopt as its agenda the agenda of its 1992 session, while noting that its on-going consultations on the review of this agenda will be intensified:

1. Nuclear test ban

2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

5. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

6. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

7. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

8. Transparency in armaments

9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(2) The Conference further agrees, without prejudice to any future decisions on the organizational framework of other items, to begin its work immediately on: "Nuclear Test Ban", "Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space",

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"Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons" and "Transparency in Armaments". For this purpose, the Conference establishes Ad Hoc Committees on these items with the following mandates:

- Nuclear Test Ban: the result of the 1992 consultations conducted by the special coordinator on this item (CD/1179);

- Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space: document CD/1125;

- Effective international arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons: document CD/1121;

- Transparency in Armaments: the decision of the Conference on 26 May 1992 (document CD/1150).

(3) The Conference also recalls its decision to intensify its consultations on its improved and effective functioning, including its decision to carry out consultations on the issues of its membership and agenda. For this purpose, I confirm that I shall appoint two Special Coordinators to conduct consultations on the issues of membership and agenda.

Lastly, I understand that it is the intention of interested members to continue their on-going open-ended informal consultations on non-proliferation in all its aspects.